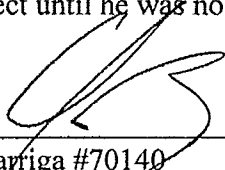


Statement of J. Garriga #70140

Please rely on the footage captured on body worn camera as it relates to my involvement in this case. I realize my camera failed to capture my interactions with the suspect once he knocked my camera off and I am voluntarily providing this statement to supplement my body worn camera footage.

After interacting with the suspect on a traffic stop, I learned he had a firearm in a jacket located on the passenger side of the vehicle. Ignoring my commands to walk towards my JSO vehicle, the suspect forcefully pushed against my chest and dove into his vehicle. I was in immediate fear he was attempting to retrieve his firearm. I dove inside of the vehicle behind the suspect to keep him from obtaining the firearm. The suspect was forcibly digging through his jacket attempting to find his firearm. He briefly stopped attempting to grab his firearm, reached back and placed the vehicle in drive. I heard the vehicle engine and the vehicle began accelerating forward. The suspect immediately reached back towards his jacket and got his right hand around the handle of his firearm. At some point I felt the vehicle crash through the wooden fence and felt broken wooden boards strike my shins.

The suspect began lifting the firearm in the direction of my face. In fear of being shot in the face or upper torso, I attempted to conceal my face behind the suspect's head to prevent from being shot. While doing this I attempted to remove my issued firearm from the holster, but it was pinned in between the suspect's body and driver seat. During the physical struggle, I was able to grab the right wrist of the driver, which the handgun was still in, and was able to push myself out of the vehicle. As I exited, I observed the suspect moving his body in my direction and I believed he still had the gun in his possession. Fearing for my life I fired my issued firearm at the suspect until he was no longer a threat.


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